

ABSTRACT

A pixel **3** includes a pixel electrode **31** and opposed electrodes **32** for generating electric fields between a pair of substrates in directions substantially parallel to the substrates and also includes two regions **S1** and **S2** defined by the pixel electrode **31** and the opposed electrodes **32**. The electric fields are generated in the adjacent regions **S1** and **S2** in opposite directions. A liquid crystal layer has a structure in which a slow axis indicating a refractive-index anisotropy as viewed in a direction normal to the substrates is vertical to the electric-field direction without an application of an electric field whereas slow axis in these regions **S1** and **S2** rotate about axes normal to the substrates in opposite directions. In this manner, the viewing angle of a liquid crystal display device is increased and coloring is prevented. In addition, the response speed and the aperture ratio are enhanced.